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FOR DICKMAN NEA/ARP FROM AMBASSADOR AKINS

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TAGS: PINS, SA
SUBJECT: AID/OPS CHIEF

REF: STATE 273494

1. WE CANNOT RPT NOT CONCUR THAT THERE IS ANY ACCEPTABLE
ALTERNATIVE TO NESBITT'S RETURNING TO RIYADH TO ASSIST
SURVEY TEAM IN CARRYING OUT MIN INT SURVEY. SAG DISSATISFACTION
IS NOT RPT NOT FOCUSED ON NESBITT HIMSELF; IT IS GENERAL
DISSATISFACTION WITH AID/OPS PROGRAM AS A WHOLE
RESULTING FROM WHAT IS PRECEIVED TO BE A GENERAL DECLINE IN
QUALITY OF MOST RPT MOST AID/OPS PERSONNEL.

2. ZIEGLER HAS GOOD RAPPORT WITH SMALL GROUP WITH WHOM HE IS
IN DAILY CONTACT, BUT NEITHER HE NOR ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE
MISSION BESIDES NESBIT HAS THE FAMILIARUTY WITH THE MINISTRY
AS A WHOLE NOR THE BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED TO
FACILITATE THE SURVEY; ONLY NESBIT KNOWS ALL SENIOR MIN INT
OFFICIALS BELOW MINISTERIAL LEVEL AND THEIR VARIOUS QUIRKS AND SPE-
CIAL INTERESTS. MOREOVER, ONLY NESBITT IS KNOWN BY ALL
OF THEM.

3. FEEL MOST STRONGLY THAT NESBITT MUST RETURN AS PRE-
VIOUSLY REQUESTED. SHOULD HE ELECT TO RETIRE AT END OF
JANUARY, FEEL HE SHOULD BE EMPLOYED ON PERSONAL SERVICES
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CONTRACT THROUGH END OF MARCH TO BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST

SURVEY TEAM. HIS RETURN TO RIYADH SHOULD PRECEDE TEAM'S
BY ONE WORKING WEEK TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME TO MAKE
REQUIRED ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AND PREPARE MIN INT
OFFICIALS FOR ARRIVAL OF TEAM. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE
HIGHLY DESIRABLE FOR TEAM CHIEF TO RETURN WITH RPT WITH
NESBITT TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH
SITUATION BEFORE REMAINDER OF TEAM ARRIVES.

4. NESBITT DEPARTED RIYADH SUNDAY MORNING, TO ARRIVE
WASHINGTON MONDAY EVENING, EXPECTING TO REPORT TO AID/OPS
TUESDAY MORNING.

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